

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-05**

**WHEREAS**, an abnormal amount of rainfall caused overland flooding on frozen, frost-covered and snow-packed grounds, damaging transportation infrastructure and endangering agricultural interests, public and tribal sewage and water systems, as well as significant other improved property including private dwellings; and

**WHEREAS,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I declare a flood disaster on April 20, 2004, for the State of North Dakota.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices toward recovery efforts, alleviation of hardship, and implementation of mitigation measures to facilitate restoration and recovery of vital public infrastructure and to help meet essential needs of business, industry, and individuals.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

- 1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.
- 2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
- 3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 20th day of April 2004.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State